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Sir:

The Examiner's and Draftperson's approval of the corrected formal drawing as shown on the attached drawing print is respectfully requested.

In the event any fees are required in connection with this Request, please charge our Deposit Account No. <u>01-2340</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: One (1) sheet Redlined Drawing